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## ÉMILE LITTRÉ.

SOME debts there are that make the debtor proud ;  
So ours to him, who could philosophise  
With common-sense, and sweep from starry skies  
The brain-spun webs that darken like a cloud.

We loved him, for his highest thoughts avowed  
Our own akin and less than ours allies ;  
Born of the common soil but born to rise  
And light the labor of the laurel-browed.

Justice he traced to truth ; morality,  
Back to the brutish primal needs of man ;  
And stood himself for all the best might be.

He wrought in words, a faithful artisan ;  
And lived to shame their loutish mockery  
Whose virtue ended where his own began.

LOUIS BELROSE, JR.